

## WHITE FOX HOUNDS.

Where Hunting Powers and Intelligence Are Notable.

There is a general impression that the Virginia fox hounds were all originally black and tan. Mr. Austin Blackwell, of Oak Springs, near Warrenton, who is a member of the National Hunt association, imparts some interesting lore on the subject. Col. Elias Edmunds, of Farquhar, who figured in the revolutionary war, while absent from home left his son Elias in charge of his land and hounds. Young Edmunds made efforts to secure a black-and-tan hound at various points in Virginia, but without success. Senator Grayson's son boasted that he could find him one, saying: "Send to Billy Davis, of Prince William county," a noted character of ante-bellum epoch. "He has one you can get."

A servant was dispatched to Davis' place, and found one old white hound, which he took back to his young master. When on another visit to his friend, Grayson asked: "What white hound is that you have?" Edmunds replied: "That is Billy Davis' black-and-tan."

The Edmunds have all been famous fox hunters. Francis Edmunds Blackwell, a nephew of Elias Edmunds, the third, owned Dave and Crafty, the grand sire and granddame of Mr. Austin Blackwell's present pack of 12 hounds, one-half of which are snow white. They are remarkable for their intelligence, and are known as the Arab strain. The leader, old Henry, has hunted for sportsmen from all parts of the country, and for many years has been a familiar figure in the hunting field. He has been known to carry in his mouth foxes which he has captured without mutilating them, and to await the arrival of all the huntsmen before giving up his prey.

The late Capt. Assheton, an Englishman who emigrated to Farquhar about 30 years ago, brought with him a fine pack of English hounds, of bulldog muscle and tones of thunder, which he exchanged for Arabs. At his death he gave the remainder of his pack to Mr. Blackwell. These Arabs, it is claimed, are the nucleus from which have sprung many of the best fox hounds in this section. Some of the fleetest and hardest hounds of the northern kennels trace their pedigrees to this breed. Mr. James Woodward, president of the Hanover bank of New York, who has a country seat at Millersville, in Anne Arundel county, a popular Maryland hunting ground, has within the last few years purchased a number of these dogs from Mr. Blackwell, which are reported to have given much satisfaction.—Baltimore Sun.

## HAD NO EAR FOR MUSIC.

Couldn't Tell the Spanish Fandango from the National Hymn.

Blimmer hasn't been very chipper since he came back from a trip to the southwest. He looks scared and seems averse to talking about his winter outing, though he's a good talker and usually full of life.

The truth is that Blimmer had one of those experiences that make a lasting impression. He and Capt. Capton made the trip together, and counted on the time of their lives. Down in a Texas town they went to the theater. A war with Spain was all the talk, and excitement ran high. When the orchestra played "Yankee Doodle" the audience went wild and wouldn't allow the curtain to go up until they had the "Star Spangled Banner."

Blimmer doesn't know one tune from another, but he entered into the spirit of the thing and whooped himself hoarse. Later a pretty dancer came on, and the orchestra started on a Spanish fandango. Blimmer thought this his cue to do some more yelling. He jumped up, waved his hat and had let out about half a cheer when he was tossed about so fast that Capt. Capton couldn't keep track of him.

Luckily the mayor was present. To him Capt. Capton explained Blimmer's infirmity. His honor interfered, and his short speech stating that the gentleman had no ear for music, was received with doubt. Blimmer must speak for himself. He got up, looking as though he had been rolled around under a brush harrow, but he knew how much depended on his eloquence, and the way he sailed into Spain beat any jingo that ever tackled the job. You'd think that every day war was deferred was torture to him, and he so warmed the crowd up that the show was adjourned long enough to let every fellow go out and see a man.—Detroit Free Press.

## An Acceptable Present.

An Atchison woman who thought long and deeply of the most acceptable gift for her husband's birthday, made him a present the other day, that made him clap his heels together in delight. She took down the bed in the "spare" room, gave it to a neighbor, and notified all her visiting kind of friends that every bed in her house is occupied. The present didn't cost a cent except for postage.—Atchison Globe.

## PRICES OF AUTOGRAPHS.

Are No Indication of the Writer's Position or His Wealth.

It seems that the distinction or worth of the writer is no measure of the commercial value of his handwriting. This painful fact is demonstrated in a recent catalogue of autographs on sale in New York.

Here the public are offered the handwriting of royalty and commoners, including all kinds and conditions, and every degree of worth and worthlessness, virtue and vice, genius and stupidity, at prices within the reach of all—if their arms are long enough.

On the first page we find a note of a "Rare Peter Stuyvesant Document," at \$150, while just below we see letters from 26 modern actors at just half the money. Certainly Peter was not much of an actor, and any one of the male actors would have made just as good a governor.

Turning the page we find the "martyred" Charles I. at \$45, while the great Protector is thought worth only \$40. You can get all four of the English Georges for \$15. Albert Edward, prince of Wales, may be had on mourning paper, speaking of the health of his princess, for \$8.50; probably if he had written something of the fragrant "Lily" it would have been worth much more.

It is a pity no price is affixed to Henry IV. of France, perhaps because it is priceless (but so is Charles the Merry of England, who founded many ignoble houses).

The signature of Napoleon I. is cheap at \$15, but then he was only first consul, and if you want Maximilian I. of Mexico you must lay down \$25. Wellington is valued at one-tenth of Napoleon.

Bismarck, thanking a lady for poetical congratulations on his birthday, is reasonable at \$9, considering the effort it must have cost him to read the poetry. Barnum, as well known in his lifetime as any man in the world, costs only 50 cents, while Brigham Young costs ten times as much.

Art comes high: Joshua Reynolds at \$20 and Wagner at \$15 are examples. Philanthropy rules low: "Gerit Smith, distinguished philanthropist, temperance advocate and abolitionist, gave away nearly 200,000 acres of his estate to the poor," 50 cents.

But if the philanthropist had the bad luck to be hanged he is set down at 50 times as much—John Brown, of Ossawatimie, at \$25.

There are few legal autographs in the list—Franklin Pierce, more of a lawyer than a president, is quoted at \$5; and McKinley, more of a president than a lawyer, at \$2.

The richest man in the world, Rothschild, is worth only \$1, while the ragged Rousseau comes at \$7.50 (but then the banker's signature on a current check would be worth more).

But none of the foregoing worthies, except wooden-legged Peter, seems to be "in it" with literary people, especially when they write about love affairs. Thus, a mawkish love letter from Keats to Fanny Brawne, avowing his hatred of the world, and wishing "I could take a sweet poison from your lips to send me out of it," is held at \$175; and a letter from Marguerite de Valois, author of the dull but very much off-color "Heptameron," cannot be had for less than \$250, the highest price quoted in the list.—Green Bag.

## A SERIOUS MISTAKE.

Deacon Jackson's Experience with a Young Unbroken Mule.

Deacon Jackson was a very pious but very determined old colored citizen of Owl Creek Valley, says the Atlanta Journal. He had a young mule which his boys were unable to ride, and their failure to break the animal so exasperated the old man that he determined to ride it himself. He was, however, no sooner located on its back than he was thrown into an adjoining lot, where he was picked up with both legs broken and his neck badly sprained.

"What on earth did such an old man as you mean by trying to ride a wild young mule like that?" asked the doctor.

"Waal, sah," said Deacon Jackson, "I never does undertake to do nuthin' widout fust consultin' ov de Lawd an' seein' whut he dun think erbout hit. I axed Him ef I order ride dat mule whut my triffin' no ercount boys couldn't ride, an' de Lawd, He seed, yessah, jes' as plain ez I am talkin' to you."

"Well, but He seems to have given you bad advice."

"No, doctor, His judgment was all right, fer de Lawd knows dis ole man never seed de day when he was affered to straddle anythin' from a circular saw up to er elephant, but dis time I think de Lawd was just mistaken in de mule."

Thin people imagine that exercise will make them thinner. This is not true; moderate exercise, especially in the open air, increases the appetite, and the power of assimilating food, thus adding to the person's weight.

## LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.

Gives People Thousands of Miles Apart a Chance to Converse.

So silently have the long-distance telephone wires crept across the country and through the south that the growth of their use is hardly appreciated, even by the business men who use them.

It is but a few years since the first successful long-distance telephone was put in operation between New York and Philadelphia. This line, extending northward through Boston to Maine and southward to Washington, still forms the backbone of the system. Meanwhile a line has been completed from New York, by way of Troy, Buffalo and the lake shore, to Chicago, taking in the large cities on the way.

From Chicago there is a line to Nashville and thence to Memphis, from which point it will soon be extended to Little Rock and into Texas. Other lines from Chicago reach northwest to Davenport and southwest to St. Louis, and the great city on the lake will be connected soon with Des Moines, Kansas City and Omaha.

From Washington the line will be extended to Atlanta, Montgomery, New Orleans and Houston. All of these lines that are not already constructed are certain soon to be built.

The interests chiefly served by this system of instant verbal communication at long range are the great commercial houses at the larger cities on the North Atlantic coast, the lake ports, the packing and manufacturing concerns of the central Mississippi valley and the far-reaching agricultural and manufacturing interests at the south.

Eastern bankers find long-distance telephones of service in verifying differences or correcting mistakes, and frequently call up interior banks. Chicago grain and meat product dealers, who are heavy shippers, use the wires in arranging details of their business, as do the representatives of shipping interests at eastern points. The New England cotton goods manufacturers and southern dealers in cotton are also in the habit of conferring verbally daily, although hundreds of miles apart; and although the tolls for using the long-distance telephone range from about one dollar to ten dollars for five minutes' conversation, the cost represents far less than the expense of personal interviews, and in the saving of time far outstrips in value the use of the telegraph.

Just what the relations between the long-distance telephone and the telegraph people are is too long for discussion. Thus far there has been no open competition between them. In any event, space has been practically annihilated in the United States east of Omaha, so far as the ability of people to converse is concerned, and it will not be long before this will be true of the continent.—Youth's Companion.

## SLEEP AND DREAMS.

How Agassiz Worked Out a Scientific Problem.

The letters on sleep and dreams in the Spectator remind me of a case in the experience of Agassiz, and which he told me himself, though it is recorded in his work on the American fishes. He was studying a fossil fish in the Jardin des Plantes, but had never been able to determine the species to his satisfaction. After a time he dreamed that he caught the very fish, and without difficulty determined the question, thinking, as he woke from the dream, that he would have no difficulty. But on returning to the fossil something in the dream had escaped him, and he could no more determine the species than before. The next night he had the same dream, and again forgot the essential point. He then determined to take a pencil and paper with him to bed, and make his note as soon as he woke. The dream came the third time, but to his surprise on fully awakening he found the drawing made and lying on the table beside him, with three bones displayed in it which were not visible in the fossil, and which solved the problem. On returning to the Jardin des Plantes he obtained permission of his friend, the director, to chip away a scale of stone which lay on the spot where the bones were in the drawing, and found them there as his drawing had given them. It is 30 years since Agassiz told me the incident, but those who have access to his history of the North American fishes will be able to read it in his own words in the introduction, and correct my version if my memory has in any detail failed me.—London Spectator.

## A Recipe.

"I wish that I could acquire a reputation for being bright," said Willie Washington.

"There is nothing easier," answered Miss Cayenne. "All you need do is to say you have heard it before whenever anyone else says anything clever."—Washington Star.

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